

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Tajikistan
Program Title:	Cross-Cutting Programs
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	119-0420
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,790,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$856,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$1,647,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: This cross-cutting program supports all of USAID's strategic objectives, and includes four main components: training and exchanges to support USAID's technical assistance programs; the Eurasia Foundation to strengthen indigenous non-governmental organizations (NGOs); community connections to enhance public diplomacy; and program development support for cross-cutting evaluations, technical assistance, management needs, public outreach, and incorporation of perspectives from religious leaders into programming.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Participant Training Program (\$600,000 FSA). USAID will continue Participant Training to complement ongoing technical assistance in six strategic objective areas: improved environment for growth of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), strengthened democratic culture, improved management of critical natural resources, increased utilization of quality primary health care, mitigated sources of conflict in target communities, and improved quality of education. More than 3,000 participants will be trained through Participant Training activities during FY 2005. USAID support will include introduction of the Human and Institutional Capacity Development (HICD) approach in the Mission's portfolio, with a potential pilot activity in Tajikistan. Principal contractor/grantee: Academy for Educational Development (AED) (prime).

Community Connections (\$500,000 FSA, \$500,000 FSA carryover). The broad public diplomacy goal of the Community Connections program is to contribute to economic and democratic reform and to promote mutual understanding in Eurasia through exposure to U.S. society and personal connections with Americans. Through local community host organizations in the U.S., approximately 100 men and women entrepreneurs, local government officials, legal professionals, non-governmental organization leaders, and other professionals from Eurasia will be provided with a three to five week training program in the U.S. tailored to their professional or business interests. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Eurasia Foundation (\$500,000 FSA). The Eurasia Foundation will target approximately 21 NGOs that contribute to private sector development, civil society strengthening, public administration, and media through the issuance of small grants. The NGOs will also benefit from institutional strengthening through intensive planning, reporting, and financial management training. The Eurasia Foundation will expand its Ferghana Valley Initiative to provide targeted grants to increase dialogue and cross-border linkages in this conflict-prone region. Principal contractor/grantee: Eurasia Foundation (prime).

Program Support (\$190,000 FSA, \$267,000 FSA carryover, \$89,000 FSA prior year recoveries). The funds will be used to support evaluations, technical assistance, management needs, public outreach, and program personnel essential to implementation of program activities. As required, funding will also enable USAID to take advantage of unanticipated opportunities to advance or

reinforce USAID strategic objectives. Furthermore, USAID will expand outreach efforts to engage traditional religious leaders in the region. The goal of this initiative is to better inform religious leaders about USAID programs and to bridge the gap with traditional community leaders whose views, in the past, have not generally been incorporated into USAID programmatic decision making. In accomplishing this goal, USAID will conduct tours of its programs for religious leaders and the media, hold regular representational events with religious leaders, and work specifically with partners to involve religious leaders in development activities. Principal contractor/grantee: N/A.

FY 2006 Program: Participant Training Program (\$300,000 FSA). USAID will continue Participant Training in FY 2006 as a means of complementing ongoing activities across its various strategic objectives. In FY 2006, USAID expects to target the same number of participants as in FY 2005. Simultaneously, USAID will begin working with a number of yet-to-be-determined organizations through multiple targeted interventions aimed at developing institutional capacity and increasing the likelihood of organizational sustainability. Principal contractor/grantee: AED (prime).

Community Connections (\$460,000 FSA). USAID will continue the Community Connections program, with emphasis on human and institutional strengthening in support of its strategic objectives. Approximately 100 men and women are expected to receive training in the U.S. through the program. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Eurasia Foundation (\$460,000 FSA). The Eurasia Foundation will continue to provide grants and institutional strengthening on an open-door basis to NGOs in Tajikistan working in the sectors of private enterprise, civil society, and public and policy administration. Principal contractor/grantee: Eurasia Foundation (prime).

Program Support (\$427,000 FSA). A wide range of program and personnel support activities will continue. As required, funding will enable USAID to support unanticipated opportunities to advance or reinforce USAID objectives. Additionally, religious outreach efforts will continue and be expanded, through tours for and representational events with religious leaders. Principal contractor/grantee: N/A.

Performance and Results: In FY 2004, USAID trained over 2,500 Tajikistani citizens (approximately 40% women). Program emphasis was placed on increasing legal awareness of NGOs, strengthening civil society, and political party development. Enterprise and finance sector training programs focused on trade and investment, taxation, fiscal reform, and creating a favorable legal environment for SME growth. Health sector training programs strengthened family doctors' knowledge and skills in interpersonal communication and supported the introduction of evidence-based medicine. Of particular note, after participating in a series of training programs on microfinance, the government working group involved in drafting microfinance legislation submitted a new law on microfinance to Parliament. This new law was adopted on May 17, 2004. Additionally, upon completion of a study tour to Canada, senior officials from the Ministry of State Revenues and Duties developed a five-year plan for reorganization and integration of the state revenue agencies (Tax and Customs) into one agency.

In FY 2004, the Eurasia Foundation awarded Tajik NGOs 25 grants of \$22,000 on average, including \$37,000 in funds raised from non-USG sources. The grants supported private enterprise development and targeted improvements in civil society and public policy and administration areas. Through its Ferghana Valley Initiative, Eurasia Foundation awarded six grants aimed at forging inter-ethnic and cross-border cooperation, some through newspaper, radio, and television capacity-building. In addition, Eurasia Foundation promoted cross-border ties with Afghanistan through several agricultural and trade development grants. Other results included the development of modern farming and business practices in regional areas and the establishment of a print journalism training center.

USAID embarked on a religious outreach program in FY 2004. Through this program, USAID escorted five influential Islamic leaders on a tour of USAID-funded activities near Dushanbe. This tour enabled religious leaders and students to learn about a variety of USAID programs in Ferghana Valley, and began the process of engaging the religious representatives in programmatic dialogue.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Tajikistan

119-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs	FSA
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	31,834
Expenditures	17,849
Unliquidated	13,985
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	4,456
Expenditures	7,774
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	36,290
Expenditures	25,623
Unliquidated	10,667
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	856
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	1,790
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	2,646
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	1,647
Future Obligations	1,650

Est. Total Cost	42,233
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